**Funds for purchase of Mobile Vans and Trucks for PDS goods**

1210. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central funds are made available to the States to purchase mobile vans and trucks to ensure better mobility of PDS goods in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds made available to Gujarat under the scheme during the last four years and the number of vans, trucks, purchased, year-wise; and

(d) whether desired results have been achieved in mobility of PDS items in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Financial assistance has been provided to the States/UTs for purchase/replacement of vans/ trucks to be used for PDS operations especially in remote, hilly, rural and tribal areas under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Furchase of Vans'.

(b) Details of financial assistance provided to States/UTs since the inception of the scheme in 1985-86 till date are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) No funds have been sanctioned to Government of Gujarat under the scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

**Statement**

*Financial Assistance released to States/UTs for purchase of Vans from inception of the scheme in 1985-86.*

| SI. No. | States/UTs | No. of Vehicls | Amount (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 71 | 325.00 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 44 | 210.17 |
| 3. | Assam | 44 | 179.43 |
| 4. | Bihar | 86 | 216.73 |
| 5. | Goa | 0 | 0.00 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 0 | 0.00 |
| 7. | Haryana | 20 | 65.00 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 69 | 365.00 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | 83 | 492.17 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 38 | 113.00 |
| 11. | Kerala | 66 | 282.78 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 164 | 617.00 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 257 | 1239.90 |
| 14. | Manipur | 46 | 156.50 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 13 | 41.00 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 32 | 132.76 |
| 17. | Nagaland . | 17 | 50.00 |
| 18. | Orissa | 135 | 590.50 |
| 19. | Punjab | 4 | 10.00 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 122 | 394.50 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 12 | 56.83 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 36 | 136.74 |
| 23. | Tripura | 36 | 172.30 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 132 | 501.20 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 25 | 100.00 |
| 26. | A & N Islands | 5 | 20.00 |
| 27. | Chandigarh | 2 | 5.00 |

| SI. No. | States/UT | No. of Vehicls | Amount (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28. | D & N Haveli | 1 | 4.00 |
| 29. | Damn & Diu | 0 | 0.00 |
| 30. | Delhi | 0 | 0.00 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 1 | 4.00 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 4 | 20.00 |
| | TOTAL | 1565 | 6501.51 |

**Issue of wheat and rice to Sikklm for animal feed**

1211. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice issued to Sikkim by the FCI or through the PDS as animal-feed during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(b) what were the issue rates, item-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHANf): (a) Feed category foodgrains are not issued under the PDS. No animal-feed category wheat and rice has been issued from FCI to the State of Sikkim during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

**Storage centres in U.P. for agriculture sector**

† 1212. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed in the field of purchasing and storing the total production of agriculture sector in the country, as a result of which is going waste;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.